

**MEXICAN LEADER****SAYS WILSON ERRS**

Senor Camacho, Statesman and Banker, Asserts President's Policy Is Wrong.

**PREDICTS EARLY PEACE**

Army's Success Shown by a Better Railroad Situation, He Declares.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 17.—Senor Don Sebastian Camacho, president of the Mexican Senate, president of the National Bank of Mexico and vice-president of the Mexican National Packing Company, in conversation today took occasion to praise the "good will of President Wilson" in aiming to reestablish peace in Mexico, but declared that in his opinion Mr. Wilson's plan was wrong.

"I believe the people of Mexico to be sincerely grateful to President Wilson for his wish to pacify the country," said Senor Camacho, "but I think Mexicans generally consider Mr. Wilson's plan highly prejudicial. The feeling is very strong that Mr. Wilson's policy is mistaken. I will tell you why.

"Conditions in Mexico have changed notably in the past month. Somewhat important changes in the situation were noted in President Huerta's latest message.

"For one thing, I have just made inquiries as to the present railroad situation, especially along the northern frontier, and the possibility of railroad connections. I learn that the Laredo route of the National Railway of Mexico has been open physically though not officially for about ten days past. I am informed also that the road from El Paso to Chihuahua is open, likewise the line from Tampico to San Luis Potosi and to Monterrey. Railroad officials say that the situation is pretty well cleaned up and that there is a decided improvement in train schedules.

**Proof of Success.**

"Now in itself, the fact that railroad communication has been reestablished on the frontier is proof that the Mexican army is meeting with success in the north. It seems to me it is time that the American press should tell the truth about Mexico. Either it has as a whole been misinformed, which I am willing to believe, or there has been suppression of news favorable to the Mexican Government, and undue prominence has been given to gossip regarding the revolution and revolutionary leaders.

"There are other reassuring facts which I have not seen printed in American newspapers. One is that the army of the country, which in May last scarcely reached 15,000 men, now numbers 100,000, and this army of 100,000 is served chiefly by competent officials from the Military College of the Republic of Mexico. In addition the Federal Government now possesses a large armament, especially in the artillery, which is really a branch of the highest order of efficiency.

"The Federal army in all the combats with the revolutionists has triumphed, and these triumphs are easily explained because of the great superiority of Government troops over the rebels. The revolutionists number many valiant soldiers, but they and their chiefs, many of whom are also brave and courageous, lack military instruction, hence the victories of the Government.

**General Peace After Elections.**

"I desire to say that in my opinion the peace of Mexico will be general after the elections next month; and as the natural resources of the country are daily more notable and abundant the development of Mexico from the reestablishment of peace will be surprising. Mexico's condition will be so prosperous that capitalists the world over will be attracted to it. I mean that not only will these men be attracted to invest great sums here, but many of them will choose to live here.

"I did not personally become acquainted with Mr. John Lind, the special commissioner of President Wilson, but by his conduct here and all of his proceedings I have formed the opinion that he is a man highly discreet, prudent and just; and I am sure that what he will report to President Wilson, both from what he has seen here and from reports which he must have received from the principal members of the American colony in this city, will be in accord with the general feeling here, as I have tried to state it.

"I wish I had now available to show you figures upon the present riches of Mexico and upon the abundance of the oil fields which have been discovered in different regions of the country and are destined to a colossal development. Agriculture, to which little attention has been given since the time of the conquest, offers a vast field for production provided there is a state of peace and a sufficient supply of laborers.

"But I want to lay emphasis upon this: The revolution is being generally dominated by Federal troops, and if the United States will not offer difficulties peace will be established after the elections."

**WILSON IGNORES MESSAGE.**

Will Keep Battleships on Mexican Coast if Necessary.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Now that President Huerta has read his much heralded message to the Mexican Congress the situation remains absolutely unchanged from the point of view of the United States, according to statements in official circles here today. It was indicated to-day that there is nothing in the message which calls for any action on the part of this Government, nor any change of policy.

Huerta's insinuations about the presence of American battleships on Mexican waters being unwelcome after October 25, when the six months' permission expires, were disregarded to-day. There is no question that the ships will stay wherever in Mexican waters it is desired to have them and that nothing Huerta can say will affect their movements in the slightest.

It was explained that as far as the technicalities of the situation are concerned the Mexican Government would have no ground for complaint as the majority of the United States warships off the coasts of Mexico are beyond the three mile limit of Mexican jurisdiction.

**Harbors Are Too Shallow.**

The waters of the Mexican harbors are so shallow that the battleships must remain far outside, usually five or six miles from shore. The question is discussed as of little or no consequence at this time as it is not believed that Huerta will ever undertake to make an issue of the presence of American warships in Mexican waters.

On the whole Administration officials were somewhat surprised at the restraint and moderation of Huerta's message. It had been expected that he might take advantage of the opportunity to vent his anger toward the Washington Government by immoderate language and every variety of insult calculated to inspire in the Mexican populace a cheap patriotism and devotion for himself and enmity toward Americans.

It is not regarded here that Huerta has bound himself by his message to hold the elections for the Presidency next month. Officials declare that while he plainly leaves it to be inferred that the elections

will be held in October as planned, yet he avoids committing himself positively to such a course.

**Left a Loophole.**

While it is generally expected that he will hold them, it is conceded that he has left the way open for a postponement on the ground that the country is not at peace. A virtual promise not to be a candidate in the election is found in the message, but Huerta's statement on this point is not regarded as absolutely final and positive.

Mr. Bryan sent to John Lind, who is still waiting at Vera Cruz, a long despatch to-day. This communication, it is understood, includes the views of the President and Mr. Bryan on the Huerta message. Secretary Bryan refused to discuss his despatch to Mr. Lind and would not affirm or deny that Mr. Lind is being instructed to reopen negotiations with the Mexican Government.

Confirmation of the killing of Morris E. Root, superintendent of El Tigre mine in Tepic, was received at the State Department to-day. The Consul at Mazatlan assured the Department that the names of the murderers are known and that the Governor of Tepic has given adequate instructions for the pursuit and apprehension of the bandits guilty of the killing. The Department also received a letter

from R. Morgan Root of Pottstown, Pa., brother of the murdered man.

**LIND WAITS FOR ACTION.**

Thinks Wilson's Views on Message Will Have Important Results.

Vera Cruz, Mex., Sept. 17.—John Lind, President Wilson's special envoy to Mexico, was anxiously awaiting to-day the views of his chief on Huerta's message, read last night at the opening of the Mexican Congress.

Mr. Lind said that President Wilson's interpretation of Huerta's utterance would undoubtedly have an important bearing on further negotiations between the two countries.

**MEXICANS KILL AMERICAN.**

Rebels in Justification Say He Refused to Give Up Arms.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. Mexico City, Sept. 17.—Acting Minister of the Interior Rebollar announced to-day that the independence day celebration passed off quietly throughout Mexico. There were no disturbances anywhere and no foreigner was injured. The United States Consul at Mazatlan telegraphed to-day to the embassy here

that W. O. Robertson and four other Americans left Durango on September 4 for Mazatlan. They were stopped on September 10 at El Lobo by rebels of the command of Jesus Madrigal and Robertson was killed. Madrigal wrote to the Consul saying that Robertson offered resistance to his men and refused to give up his arms. The embassy has informed the Mexican Government of the killing of the American.

Fifty Americans, most of them women and children, have arrived at Zacatecas from Durango on their way to Vera Cruz to take ship for the United States. They were not molested on the journey of several hundred miles through a territory infested with rebel bands.

An American named Barron in a telegram to the American Embassy from Tepic, State of Puebla, says that more than 1,000 Federals under Col. Alfredo Torres and Col. Alberto Guevara, are besieged by rebel Indians from the Sierra de Zacatecas since Tuesday last. Barron says the Indians are 6,000 strong and have artillery. Fifteen shells have been fired into the town from 80 millimetre guns. The Indians have tried to capture the town by assault several times. Barron says the Federals can hold the town, but reinforcements are urgently needed. Many Americans are in the besieged town.

**BRYAN IS SILENT ON \$8,000 A YEAR OFFER**

Democrats' Glum and Republican's Gleeful at Newspaper's Proposition.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Official Washington received the news of the offer of the New York World to pay Secretary of State Bryan \$8,000 a year if he would forego his Chautauqua lectures with mixed amusement and wrath to-day. The Republicans were amused and the Democrats were angry. Secretary Bryan himself was plainly displeased at the proffer, but he flatly refused to say a word about it.

Senator Vandaman, a close friend of Bryan, was impatient with the newspaper. "It's none of their business," he said,

"and I suppose Mr. Bryan will take the incident with the silence it deserves. He has the right to employ his own time as he sees fit."

"No good can come of the persistent discussion of this affair, and it would be, in my opinion, much better if the newspapers would devote more of their attention, instead, to matters of serious importance to the public welfare."

"Even though Secretary Bryan feels that he is right in mounting the lecture platform as an attraction sandwiched between Tyrolean yodlers and dancers," said Representative Britten of Illinois, "I believe that Congress should provide for him. The Secretary, I understand, is forced to do his own marketing and buys provisions as cheaply as the common laborer. This is a deplorable situation. If he cannot live on the salary now paid the office of Secretary of State, the Government and not a newspaper, should stand for the deficit."

the Secretary of State but of his would-be benefactor as well. Representative L. E. Dyer of Missouri thinks that the newspaper is supercilious.

"It's killing, isn't it, the way that paper wants to spend its money?" remarked Mr. Dyer. "Why, it's only three months ago that they paid Col. Mulhall \$10,000 to talk and how they are offering Mr. Bryan almost as much to stop talking. You can't please some people, try as you will."

**SAYS POISON KILLED WIFE.**

Dr. Smith, on Second Trial for His Life, Faces Witnesses.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Sept. 17.—Dr. R. C. Rind, attending physician of Florence Caviler Smith, first wife of Dr. Arthur B. Smith, for whose death Dr. Smith is being tried for his life the second time, took the stand to-day and graphically described the scene at the deathbed of the former social and church leader. In his opinion the death of Mrs. Smith was caused by poison.

The third day of the trial brought several friends of the dead woman to the stand. They testified that she had been able to go over a golf course without fatigue.



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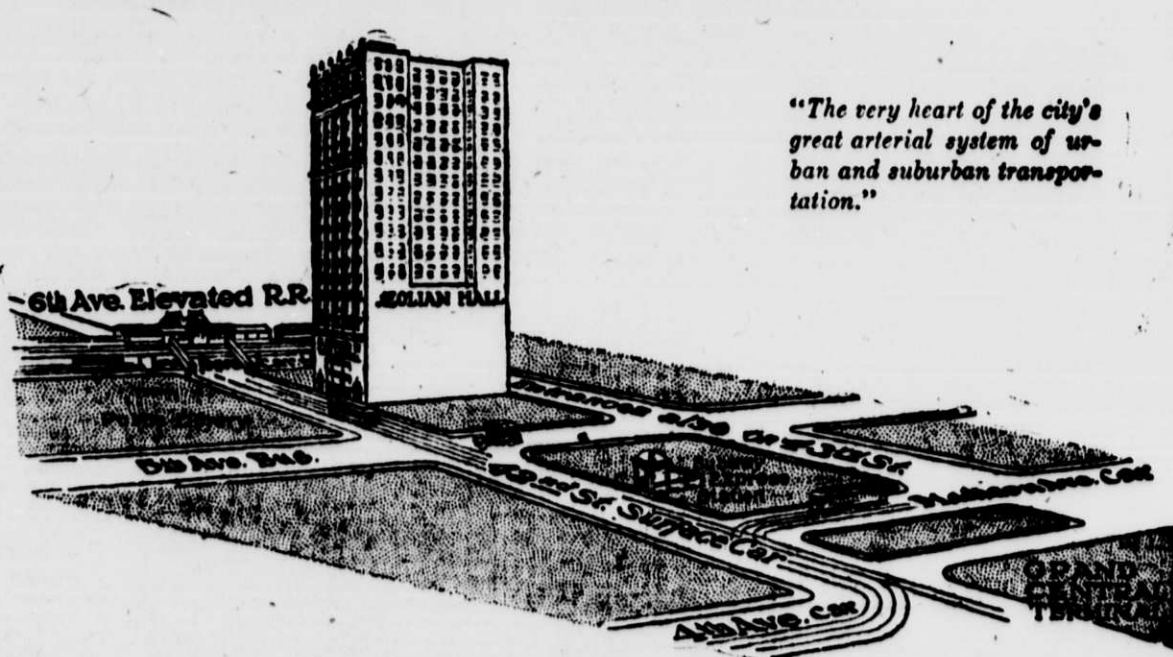
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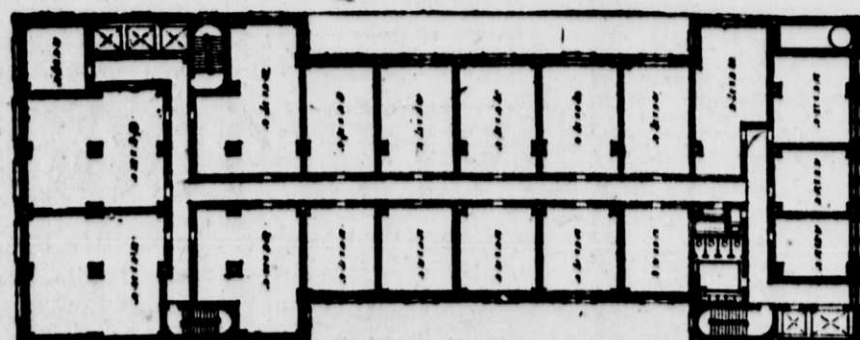
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